



CITY OF MORGAN HILL

MORGAN HILL COMMUNITY & CULTURAL CENTER
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LIBRARY, CULTURE AND ARTS COMMISSION

**After Action Minutes
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 8, 2006**

Morgan Hill Civic Center

Council Chambers
17555 Peak Avenue

LIBRARY COMMISSION

Chair	Einar Anderson
Vice-Chair	Charles Cameron
Commissioner	Chuck Dillmann
Commissioner	Sylvia H. Cook
Commissioner	Stan Salah
Commissioner	Vacant
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7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

Absences: None

DECLARATION OF POSTING THE AGENDA

Per Government Code 54954.2

PLEDGE

Pledge was led by Chair Anderson

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

1. COUNTY LIBRARY REPORT

**County Librarian
Cervantes**

County Librarian Cervantes reported the JPA will meet on June 1, 2006 to approve the FY06-07 budget.

The annual CLA/CSLA Legislative Day in Sacramento was held on April 26th. Chair Anderson, Council Member Tate and former Commissioner George Nale attended the event. Productive meetings were held with John Laird and Sally Lieber as well as staff members of Legislators Joe Simitian, Abel Maldonado, Alberto Torrico, Ira Ruskin, Joe Coto and Liz Figueroa.

The Santa Clara County's first all Staff Development Day was held on May 5th and was a great success. All libraries were closed to enable all staff members to participate.

Proposition 81, a statewide measure that would provide \$600 million to support library construction will appear on the June 2006 Primary Ballot. Senator Dede Alpert introduced the California Reading and Literacy and Public Library Construction and Renovation Bond Act of 2006 in 2004 and was signed by the Governor in 2005. If passed, a proposal for a new 53,000 square foot library in Gilroy will be one of the first applications submitted. The Cities of Campbell and Sunnyvale may apply for matching funds to build new libraries.

The Santa Clara County Library has applied for the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant in partnership with the Museum of Technology and Innovation with a focus on science literacy for "tweens". Grants will be awarded by the State Library in July 2006.

The County Library report is included as Attachment A.

Joint Powers Authority

Council Member Tate

Council Member Tate reported the JPA approved the FY06/07 budget at the April meeting. He noted "what a difference a year makes" referring to last year's budget which was approved amidst uncertainty of whether of not Measures A and/or B would pass.

2. MORGAN HILL LIBRARY REPORT

Community Librarian Rosanne Macek

Ms. Macek reported construction has begun on the new library. The construction fence is up and a lot of site work is happening. The library staff is beginning the planning process for the new building. The staff has divided itself into small teams to address specific service areas. The staff is conducting a "massive clean-up" over the next year which will include weeding the entire collection.

Circulation was up 1% in March over March 2005 even though gate count was down by 3%. The number of Library cards requested increased 53% over last year.

The demand for access to the internet from patrons continues to grow. There has been an 18% increase in logins over last year. Additional computers will not be available until the new library is open. In order to address this issue, library staff has lowered the time limit from 60 minutes to 45 minutes per person. This will allow more people use the internet.

The book discussion group discussed *Ella Minnow Pea* in April and will discuss *The Plot Against America* in May.

The Summer Reading Program will have its kick-off event on June 3rd. There will be a program with Python Ron. There will be programs for children, teens and adults throughout the summer.

The County Library report is included as Attachment B.

3. FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

President Carol O'Hare

Carol O'Hare reported the ground breaking for the new Library will be held on May 13th at 2:00 p.m. FOL Vice President Yvonne Duckett is leading the planning process. It will be a family fun event. She announced everyone is encouraged to bring a shovel and participate in the ground breaking. The kick-off for the Beyond Books campaign will take place at the event. The Morgan Hill Las Madres Club held a fundraiser for the new library which raised \$1,400 for the children's section.

The FOL sponsored a Speaker's Forum on April 27th. James Dalessandro, author of *1906* was the featured author in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the 1906 earthquake. This was an official Morgan Hill centennial event.

The May Speakers Forum will feature Ajahn Chandako, an American Buddhist Monk who will speak to "A Buddhist's Perspective on Peace". This event will be held on May 31st in the CCC's El Toro room.

4. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Commissioner Dillmann

Commissioner Dillmann reported there has not been much activity in regard to legislative issues with the exception of Proposition 81 that will appear on the June ballot.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 13, 2006

Commissioner Dillmann motioned to approve the minutes. Commissioner Cameron seconded the motion. Motion approved (5:0).

BUSINESS

6. LEADERSHIP MORGAN HILL – 2006 CLASS PROJECT

Recommended Action: Information Item. Representatives from Leadership Morgan Hill will provide information on the project selected for the class of 2006 – fundraising for public art at the new Library

Maureen Drewniany presented the class project to the Commission. Additional members of the class attended the meeting as well. The project the class of 2006 has selected is to purchase public art for the new library. Ms. Drewniany provided background information on the research the class has conducted on the types of art work available and the cost associated with each. Based on cost and the time frame the class has to complete the project, they will select a pre-fabricated art piece. The cost of the art is projected to be approximately \$6,800. They have raised \$1,000 to date and will receive matching funds up to \$2,500. Fundraising activities will include selling a discount coupon book and holding a family fun day at San Martin Park on June 24th.

The class has identified three criteria to consider in the selection of the art work: 1) Reading – the art work should depict individual(s) reading; 2) Size/Substance – the art work should be in scale with the human body and building; 3) Diversity – ideally individuals depicted should reflect age diversity (e.g., an adult reading to a child).

The goal of the class is to present the artwork to the Library and City of Morgan Hill by September 1, 2006. The piece will belong to the City and the City will be responsible for maintenance and liability. Representatives of the class have met with City staff regarding their proposal and will present the proposal to the City Council on May 24th.

Commissioner Cook asked if the price included shipping and installation. Ms. Drewniany responded this needs to be confirmed.

Chair Anderson stated it is a great project and thanked Ms. Drewniany and the other members of the class for their work to provide art at the new library.

7. PUBLIC ART POLICIES DRAFT

Recommended Action: Information Item. The Commission will continue to review and discuss the draft of policies and procedures for public art program

Chair Anderson suggested this item be placed on the agenda for the Commission work shop. In the mean time, the existing policy regarding exhibiting art at the Community and Cultural Center can be used if needed.

Commissioner Cook stated there is a California association of local art agencies that has a tool book. Ms. Cook will try to locate a copy of the tool book.

Commissioner Dillmann suggested the Commission hold a session with stakeholders to determine their needs and desires. Chair Anderson stated the list of stakeholders needs to be defined. He added a public forum to discuss public art would be beneficial. Special Assistant to the City Manager Julie Spier suggested an inventory of the public art already presented might be helpful to establish the basis for the criteria for public art in Morgan Hill. Chair Anderson stated there has

not been any negative feedback to the “Waiting for the Train” sculpture that will be located at the train station. He added negative public comments typically come after the installation of a public art piece that does not meet the expectations of the community.

8. PUBLIC ART AT THE CENTENNIAL RECREATION CENTER

Recommended Action: Information Item. Item continued from March meeting. The Commission will discuss potential public art projects for the entry and natatorium of the Centennial Recreation Center

Commissioner Cook stated she spoke to a mural artist regarding art work for the Centennial Recreation Center. Commissioner Cook suggested since the areas intended for public art will appear finished, the Commission should wait to consider an art project for the facility until funds can be identified and the policies and procedures are in place. Julie Spier announced the VIP Hard Hat tour of the Centennial Recreation Center on May 23rd at 5:30 would be a good time to view the actual areas intended for public art.

9. COMMISSION WORKPLAN

Recommended Action: Information Item. The Commission will review the work plan for the current fiscal year and begin discussion for work plan for FY2006-2007.

Chair Anderson suggested the FY06-07 Work Plan be discussed at the Commission Workshop. He asked that at the June meeting, the Commission select a date for the work shop, determine whether the work shop will require a facilitator and discuss agenda items and ideas for the work shop.

Commissioner Dillmann stated a balance between the arts, culture and library needs to be developed. Getting the message out to the community about the library as well as arts and culture should be addressed. Ms. Cervantes suggested the Commission provide information where people are. For example, a table at an FOL author event. She provided the example of the Los Altos Library Commission, which manned a booth outside the library to provide information on the expansion and conducted a survey. The formation of a Speaker’s Bureau was also suggested to provide information to community organizations such as the Kiwanis and Rotary Club.

Council Member Tate offered to locate a volunteer to facilitate the work shop.

10. STATUS OF LIBRARY PROGRAM AT JAMES BOYS’ RANCH & INVITATION TO DIRECTOR OF VISION LITERACY-GILROY TO FUTURE COMMISSION MEETING

Recommended Action: Action Item. Staff will provide an update on the status of the library programs proposed for the James Boys’ Ranch; Commission will vote to approve drafting a letter to invite the Director of Vision Literacy-Gilroy Library to a future meeting

Ms. Cervantes noted Vision Literacy is a program of the Santa Clara County Library and should be acknowledged as such. Ms. Cervantes offered to invite the Director of the Vision Literacy program, Pat Lawson, to a future meeting to provide information on the program.

Council Member Tate provided background information on the concept to create a library at the James Boys Ranch. He stated he is going to meet with Rosanne Macek and Russ Danielson of the Upward Bound Youth organization to discuss this project. Ms. Cervantes added the books for the library need to be of high interest to the youth at the Ranch, but geared toward a lower level reader.

Commissioner Cameron asked if there might be grants available for programs such as this. Ms. Cervantes responded she'd ask her staff to look into it. She added the County Library prefers to apply for grants with an award amount of at least \$25,000 due to the significant amount of staff time required to monitor and track grant funds.

11. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE ITEMS

Commission Work Shop Dates and Agenda Items

- a) Public Arts Policy Draft
- b) Public art for the Centennial Recreation Center
- c) Commission Work Plan

Santa Clara County Library's Vision Literacy Program
Library program at James Boys' Ranch

12. ANNOUNCE

Melinda Cervantes announced the fee for holds will be discontinued as of July 1st. It was necessary to institute this fee due to budget constraints. However, it was confusing to patrons. This change will be significant for the Morgan Hill branch, which relies heavily on other libraries for materials.

The Commission thanked out-going Commissioner Charles Cameron for his six years of hard work and dedication to the Library and the Commission. Mr. Cameron was a great an asset to the Commission and his presence will be missed.

13. ADJOURNMENT to next monthly meeting on **June 12, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the Community and Cultural Center-** Commissioner Cameron motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Dillmann seconded the motion. Motion approved (5:0).